

# FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR McLEOD ON LINKS --- BILLIARDS --- CYCLING

## M'LEOD HAS CHANCE FOR GOLF RECORD

Winning of Open Title on Own Course Would Be Feat Without a Parallel.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
ST. AUGUSTINE, Feb. 26.—Fred McLeod, the little professional golf star of the Columbia Country Club of Washington, D. C., who is always the central figure in any golf discussion here, was dressing in the locker room preparatory to his match with President-elect Harding and Jim Barnes. Several of the golf species hovered nearby.

"Say, Fred," one suddenly interjected, "you ought to win the national championship this year. It's going to be held on your course, isn't it?"

"It is," answered the peppery little fellow in his blunt Scotch manner, "but that doesn't mean necessarily that I'm going to win. You never heard of a pro winning a title over his own course, did you?"

Consider the national open championship of the United States, for instance. Glance back over the records that date back to 1894. You will not find one name in the long list that greets the eye that is listed as a winner over his own course.

Willie Anderson came about as close as anybody in this country to winning a title while performing on his own lot. But in each of the two times that he almost succeeded in turning the trick Alex Smith intervened to rob him of the spoils.

In 1905 Anderson was stationed at the Onwentsia Club and many figured that he would surely carry off the honors inasmuch as the championship was to be decided on that course. Willie never did get near first place. Alex Smith was first and Willie Smith was the runner-up.

In 1910 Willie Anderson happened to be the professional at the Philadelphia Cricket Club when the national title meet was awarded to this club. Again Anderson was rated as the probable winner, but again did Smith win the prize.

### Herron's Victory Noteworthy.

The status of the amateur championship is less complicated. If you except the victory of Walter Travis over his own course, the Garden City Golf Club, in 1900, when he defeated Findlay Douglas for the title, S. Davidson Herron of Oakmont is the only player who ever accomplished this feat. Herron's victory is more noteworthy in this respect because there was a larger and better field competing than when Travis won.

Now look at the records of the British open championship and the respective winners. That is, from 1891 to the present time. Before 1891 the championship was decided over a stretch of thirty-six holes, and in that time several players won the title over their own course. But after 1891 the test was seventy-two holes, and the home boys as victors were conspicuous by their absence.

Harold H. Hilton, the noted amateur, did win the title over his own links at Hoylake in 1897, but Hilton was an amateur. No professional ever did it, and there were many good ones who made the attempt.

If McLeod does win the national title

## Crescents Have Made Fine Basketball Record



CRESCENT A. C. BASKETBALL TEAM

The basketball team of the Crescent A. C. of Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday night added Syracuse to its list of victims, making a record of twenty-nine straight games for the "Halfmoons." Left to right they are: Edward Butler, manager; Felix Nicklaus, Parmelee, Simms, Griffin and Capt. John McTigue.

this year he will have to overcome all precedent and tradition of thirty years' standing. However, his friends and admirers, and particularly all of the members of the Columbia Country Club, are confident he can and will succeed in doing what no other professional since 1890 has been able to do.

### Seldom Out of the Money.

McLeod is one of those golfers who, like wine, seems to grow better with age. This midget—he is only a little over five feet in height and weighs hardly more than 100 pounds—is one of the grandest, gamest and most finished performers that ever played the game.

He has completed eighteen open championship tournaments held in this country, and in eleven of them he has managed to finish in the money. In 1908 playing over the Myopia Hunt Club course, he won the title, in a play-off with Willie Smith.

McLeod wastes no time or energy in playing his shots. He simply takes his stance, poses for an instant and lets drive. He is one of the fastest playing professionals in the country.

McLeod is the professional here, and

that is one of the reasons this course is so popular this season. The midget has a host of friends all over the country. He is making good use of the opportunity to play a lot of golf, and it is a rare occurrence when he doesn't go around in par figures or better.

The other day he jumped down to Palm Beach to compete in a professional tournament, and despite the fact that he sprained his ankle in going to the fifteenth hole on the second round he managed to finish fourth, four strokes back of Pat O'Hara.

## OPINION DIVIDED ON STYMIE RULE British 'Pros' Take Sides on Question.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—Opinion is divided among leading English golfers on a rule recently adopted by the executive committee of the United States Golf Association eliminating the stymie definition or mention of the stymie. The new regulation, as reported here, provides that

when laid a stymie on the green by his opponent, a player may remove the opponent's ball, but that the opponent "shall then be deemed to have holed in his next stroke."

"I would do away with the stymie altogether," said Abe Mitchell of the North Foreland club in a published interview. "In my view the ball nearer the hole should be putted first. I do not think the new rule is quite a good solution of the stymie difficulty. To lift the ball under English rules, of course, means disqualification."

Alexander Herd of the Coombe Hill club has been quoted as unequivocally opposed to abolition of the stymie. "There should be no interference, I think, with the ball of an opponent," he declared. "The stymie may be old-fashioned, but it is a part of the game which should not be sacrificed."

W. V. A. FIVE PLAYS HERE APRIL 29. MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 26.—By closing the date of April 29 with College of the City of New York at New York West Virginia University to-day completed her Eastern basketball trip for 1921. The trip will include nine games, and larger institutions and stronger teams are to be met than ever before.

## HOREMANS READY TO PLAY SCHAEFER

Will Meet in a 4,800 Point Balkline Match in Daly's Room To-morrow.

The most exciting billiard season New York has had since the days of old Jake Schaefer and Frank Ives—made so by the coming of Edouard Horemans, the European balkline champion—attains its climax this week when the Belgian faces Jake Schaefer the younger in the most important contest of his visit.

There will be little chance of the elusive luck element counting. It is a practical certainty that the better man will win, for they are to play 4,800 points of 18:2 balkline, with a 400 point block each afternoon and night, beginning to-morrow and continuing through Saturday.

Indications are that this contest, which is for a purse of \$1,000, will attract large audiences. Not only is interest at a high pitch, but there will be ample accommodations on the floor above Maurice Daly's regular academy to take care of the crowd.

Horemans rules favorite among the balkline fans of the city in spite of the fact that Schaefer in his recent contest with Welker Cochran recorded a higher average than did Horemans playing on the same table against Albert Cutler. The young San Franciscan traveled at a 49 clip in that series, whereas Horemans averaged 42-6-57 with Cutler.

Higher runs and averages in some of his other games and exhibitions are chiefly responsible for the favor in which the Belgian's chances are held, particularly his 701 cluster against Elmer Knowles here last month, his 325 against George Stinson and other sequences of

312 unfinished, 305 unfinished, 303, 301 and several of 300 unfinished. For his entire stay here Horemans has averaged just a fraction above 51, including his prior to the championship tournament in December Schaefer had been spending most of his time playing "red ball," but since then has stuck exclusively to balkline and has developed his "nursing" game to its highest stage.

Schaefer and Horemans will present contrasts in several respects, particularly regarding their style of play. The Belgian, with his peculiar method of preferring positions in the unrestricted space in the center of the table, which allows unlimited counting. His proficiency with the masse makes this safe for him and eliminates the dread of "lineups" and "freezes," which cause American players to prefer the ends of the table, where there are three nearby cushions to play to in event of trouble.

## THIRTY-ONE SIGNED FOR SIX DAY RACE Foreign Cyclists Predominate in Field of Riders.

One week from to-night another exceptional field will go to the post in the six day race at Madison Square Garden, the list of men entered being the pick of the American and European tracks. To date twelve Americans and seventeen foreigners have been signed for the event, ten of the foreigners being newcomers to the Garden event.

Tex Rickard and John M. Chapman will make the race more attractive than ever and have decided to offer \$25,000 in prize money and special prizes. The rules governing the race will be enforced strictly as in the last race in December, which was the greatest of all the previous races in the Garden. The

relieving of partners in the most important rule of all and it has been decided to have the riders touch their partners before leaving the track.

At a meeting at the Garden yesterday several teams were paired. Rutt and Lorenz, the two German riders, being first on the list. They have won the bulk of the sprint and long distance races in Germany since the ending of the war and are expected to be front runners during the grind. Oscar Egg requested to be teamed with Pete Van Kempen of Holland, Egg on his arrival Tuesday last stating that he is the best man of all the foreigners coming over. Egg has been unfortunate in selecting partners in the last few races and thinks he can win this race with Van Kempen.

The field will consist of twelve Americans, ve Frenchmen, three Belgians, two Germans, two Hollanders, two Italians, one Swiss and one Russian. Abe Kaufman, the Russian, is the only man from Russia who has made a success in the bike game on European tracks and is rated among the top notchers. The American teams completed are Anthony

Young and Menus Bedall, George Chapman and a mixed team, Reggie McNamara and Orlando Plant.

The German team will arrive this week on the Cedric and the remaining foreigners on the Rochambeau.

### TOURNEYS FOR WOMEN.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—With more than 600 golf clubs affiliated to the Ladies Golf Union, it is computed that in England and Wales there are considerably more than 50,000 women golfers. These women devotees of the game are well catered for in the matter of championships, for there is the women's "open," the English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh championships, to say nothing of the county championships, and when these come on for decision later in the year there is every indication that a record number of players will be seen doing the rounds on the links.



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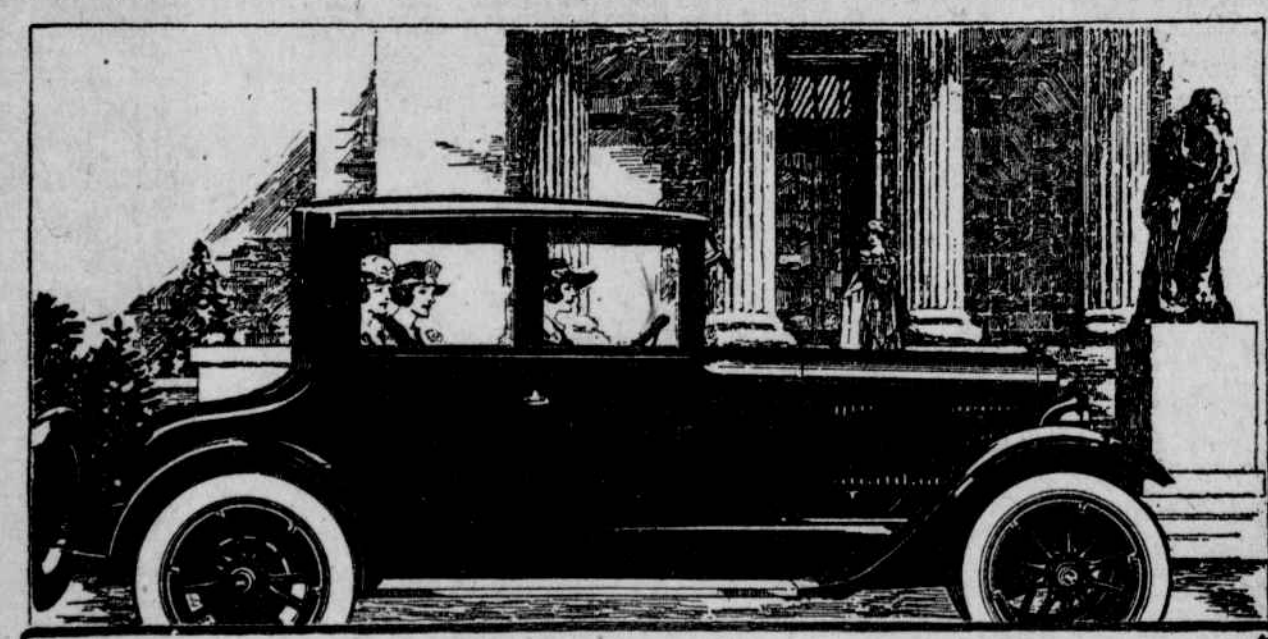
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